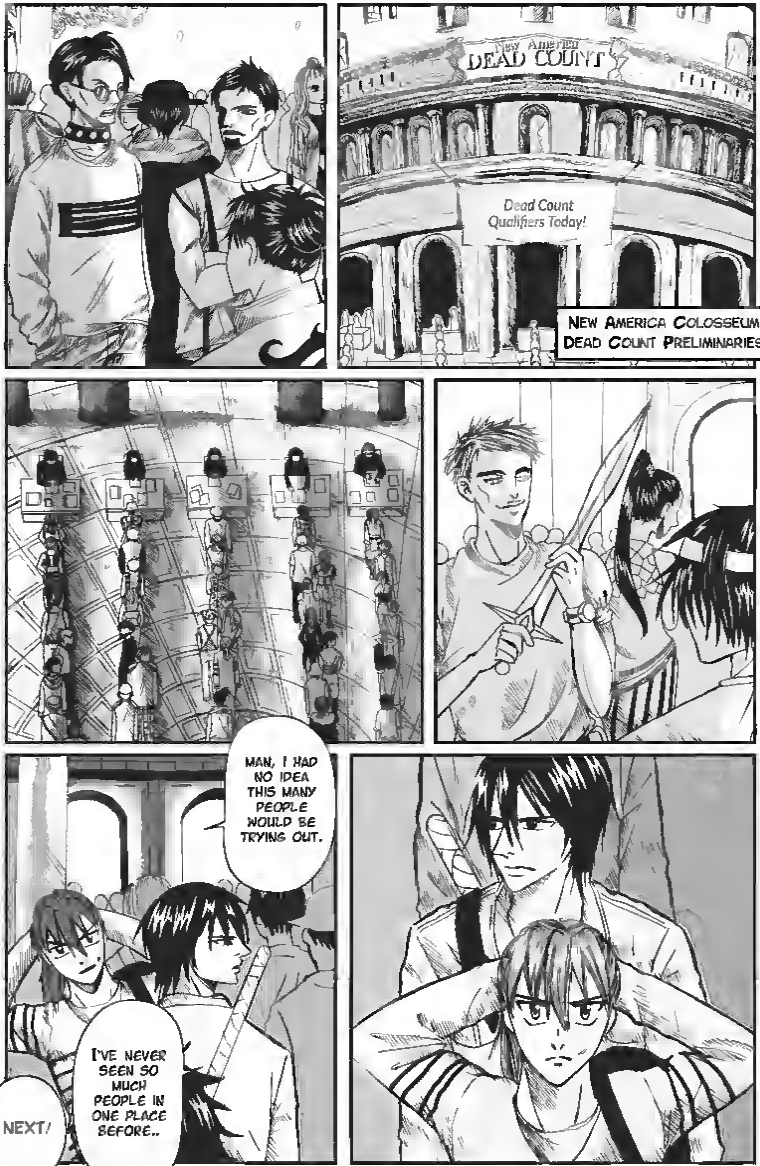
Dead Count

KAI'S HOME - 3 YEARS EARLIER
Y-YOU WHAT?
...I WANT TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL..
ABSOLUTELY NOT! WHY WOULD YOU EVEN SAY SUCH A THING?
KAI?

BECAUSE ME AND NOAH ARE GOING TO TRAIN FOR THE DEAD COUNT.
NO.
NO. I FORBID IT NO CHILD OF MINE IS GOING TO THROW AWAY HIS LIFE FOR THEM IN SUCH A BLOODY SPORT!
JUST HOW MUCH MORE DO THEY HAVE TO TAKE FROM ME BEFORE WE'RE ALLOWED TO LIVE?!
I CAN'T LOSE YOU TOO, KAI..
. . . .
SCH
KNEEL

SOB
SOB
SOB
I'M DOING THIS BECAUSE OF THAT, MOM. SO THAT WE CAN LIVE WITH OUR HEADS HELD HIGH. SO OUR LIVES CAN MATTER
FOR DAD FOR ALL OF US.
I'LL RISE TO THE TOP AND MAKE PEOPLE RESPECT US!


DEAD COUNT
Dead Count Qualifiers Today!
NEW AMERICA COLOSSEUM
DEAD COUNT PRELIMINARIES
MAN, I HAD NO IDEA THIS MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE TRYING OUT.
I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH PEOPLE IN ONE PLACE BEFORE..
NEXT!

I DUNNO, MAYBE WHY?
DO YOU THINK WE'LL END UP AGAINST EACH OTHER?
NEXT!
KAI
HM?
YEAH. SAME.
BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE NO REGRETS TODAY. WE BOTH HAVE TRAINED LIKE CRAZY. SO NO HOLDING BACK, OK?
NAME?
KAI SUZUKI.
CITY?
RAULENBURG
CLICK
NEXT IN LINE.

RAULENBURG? WHERE ARE YOU FROM EXACTLY?
OLD AMERICA!
ALRIGHT..
....
ALSO RAUL-ENBURG.
AND YOU?
POINT
CHUCKLES
WELL, THIS IS DEFINITELY NEW. HAVEN'T SEEN SOMEONE FROM OLD AMERICA HERE IN DECADES

WELL BEST OF LUCK WITH ALL THAT.
CLICK
WELL, THAT'S ALL ABOUT TO CHANGE STARTING TODAY!
WE'RE GOING TO RISE TO THE TOP!
WE'RE BOTH REGISTERING AS OLD AMERICA.
WHOA, WHEN DID I SAY WE WERE GOING TO REPRESENT NEW AMERICA?
YOU ARE STILL REPRESENTING NEW AMERICA.
SO YOU'LL JUST NEED TO TELL YOUR ORIENTATION PROCTOR THAT EVEN THOUGH YOUR BADGE HAS AN OLD AMERICA ENTRY CODE ON IT,
THEN WE'LL JOIN A NEW AMERICA TEAM AND REPRESENT OLD AMERICA OURSELVES.
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS? YOU DO REALIZE THERE ARE NO OLD AMERICA TEAMS, RIGHT?
BUT ANY REWARDS EARNED OUTSIDE YOUR REGULAR SALARY WILL GO STRAIGHT TO NEW AMERICA.
BECAUSE IT'S POLICY, WE ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ACCOMMODATE OLD AMERICA CITIZENS ON OUR TEAMS.
YOU CAN'T FIGHT AS A TEAM OF 2 IN THE DEAD COUNT.

TSK...
GO... HOME?
NOW, WILL YOU BE SIGNING UP UNDER NEW AMERICA? IF NOT, THEN PLEASE STOP WASTING MY TIME AND GO HOME.
!
QUIT SCREWING US AROUND!!!
CRASH

DON'T YOU SIT THERE AND TELL ME THAT. FOR 3 YEARS WE TRAINED TO GET TO THIS POINT. DON'T GIVE ME THAT BULLSHIT!!!
WHAT THE HELL?!
CLATTER
CLATTER
WE'RE NOT GOING HOME!
GULP
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON OVER HERE?
UNTIL WE WIN IT ALL FOR OLD AMERICA!

JUNIPER TORRES, NEW AMERICA DEAD COUNT REFEREE
WELL JOE?
J-JUNIPER?!
SURE DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY.
NOTHING AT ALL! JUST DEALING WITH A SITUATION. I HAVE IT UNDER CONTROL.
NEW AMERICA DEAD COUNT REFEREES HOLD A STANCE OF POWER IN THE DEAD COUNT COMMUNITY...
J. Torres
OLD AMERICA?
...THEY ANSWER ONLY TO THE DEAD COUNT COMMISSIONER AND ARE OUTSIDE LOCAL GOVERNING POWERS.
WE JUST WANT TO ENTER UNDER OLD AMERICA, MA'AM.
HEY.
YOU'RE REALIZE THAT YOU'RE ARE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONES FROM OLD AMERICA, RIGHT?
OH HURRY IT UP ALREADY! GIVE IT A REST FOR FUCK SAKES.

I'M SURE THERE'S STILL OPENINGS FOR FRESH YOUNG GATHERERS!
IT'S HONESTLY KINDA PATHETIC.
NO TEAM WILL TAKE YOU IF YOU REPRESENT OLD AMERICA. DON'T YOU GET THAT?
BECAUSE THERE'S NO POINT.
NOW WHY DON'T YOU TWO JUST-
WHOOSH
YOU BASTARD-
!!
HIT
WHACK!!!

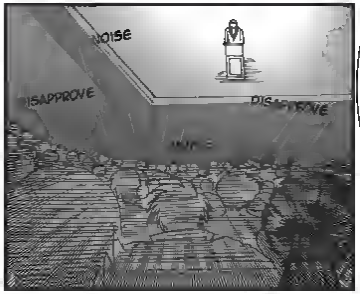
I HATE HECKLE & JECKLE.
ARE YOU OK MAN??
YOU TWO!
ULTIMATELY IT'S UP TO THE CAPTAIN OF ANY TEAM YOU JOIN TO DECIDE IF YOU CAN JOIN AS AN INTER-NATION PARTICIPATE.
THERE IS CURRENTLY NO RULE AGAINST IT
I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF I HADN'T WEIGHED MY OPTIONS.
AS MUCH AS I HATE HECKLING, THEY DO HAVE A POINT. ENTERING IN UNDER OLD AMERICA MIGHT MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT FOR YOU.
EVEN IF YOU BOTH TURN OUT TO BE POWERHOUSES. I WOULD THINK HARD ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS.

WE'RE HERE FOR OLD AMERICA NOTHING ELSE.
OH?
JOE, GET 'EM SIGNED UP AND THIS LINE MOVING.
EH?!
BOW
THANK YOU!
BOW
I WOULD HOLD YOUR THANKS TILL YOU ACTUALLY GET ON A TEAM.

NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
NOISE
DC Qualifiers
NOAH
OLD AMERICA
10
DC Qualifiers
KAI
OLD AMERICA
10
PLEASE QUIET DOWN SO WE CAN PROMPTLY BEGIN ORIENTATION.
ALRIGHT EVERYONE,
DC QUALIFIERS ORIENTATION 58
THANK YOU..
QUIET.
ALRIGHT NOW I WILL BEGIN GOING OVER WHAT TO EXPECT TODAY AS WELL AS THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR GETTING ON A TEAM

IF YOU ALL LOOK AT YOUR BADGES, YOU'LL SEE A NUMBER IN THE BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER
NOW I KNOW SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE AND MOST OF YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T.
BUT THE PROCESS CHANGES EVERY NOW AND THEN SO PAY ATTENTION.
KAI
OLD AMERICA
10
THESE NUMBERS DETERMINE WHAT GROUP YOU WILL BE IN FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF THE QUALIFIERS
NOAH
OLD AMERICA
10
16 PEOPLE FIGHTING AT ONCE?! THAT IS CRAZY!
IF YOU AREN'T ON YOUR FEET, ARE UNCONSCIOUS, OR OUTSIDE THE FIGHTING AREA AT THAT 30 MINUTE MARK, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ROUND
THOSE WHO MOVE ON FROM THE FIRST ROUND WILL PARTICIPATE IN RANDOMIZED 1V1 TOURNAMENT STYLE MATCHES WHICH WILL BE BROKEN UP INTO DIFFERENT BRACKETS.
THIS FORMAT WILL GIVE YOU A TASTE OF WHAT SOME OF YOU MIGHT EXPERIENCE IF YOU ACTUALLY GET RECRUITED
THE FIRST ROUND WILL CONSIST OF 30 16-MAN GROUPS FIGHTING IN A FREE FOR ALL MATCH. WHOEVER IS STILL STANDING AFTER 30 MINUTES WILL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ROUND

WELL, YES AND NO WINNING DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN YOU WILL GET RECRUITED AND LOSING DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN YOU WON'T GET RECRUITED.
SO, IF WE WIN OUR BRACKET IN ROUND 2, DO WE GET PUT ON A TEAM?
HOW MANY TEAMS ARE GOING TO BE SCOUTING TODAY?
HUH?!
HOW MANY COMPETITORS ARE THERE THIS YEAR?
WHOA WHOA! ONLY 20?!
HMM. THERE ARE EXACTLY 20 TEAMS LOOKING FOR AT LEAST 1 TEAM MEMBER.


NOISE
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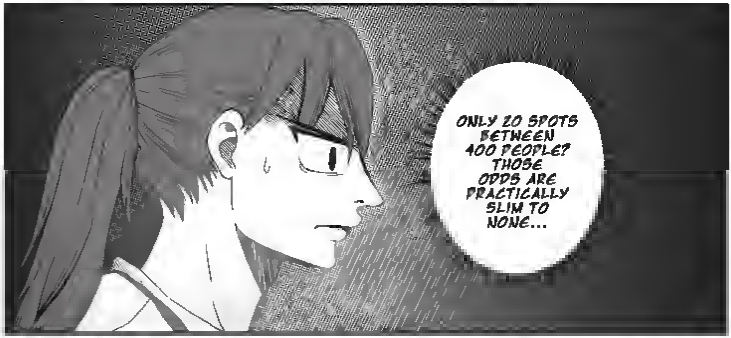
AROUND 400.


ONLY 20 SPOTS BETWEEN 400 PEOPLE? THOSE ODDS ARE PRACTICALLY SLIM TO NONE...

NO, WE HAVE TO. WE HAVE TO BEAT THE ODDS! NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!
END.